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FOLLOWING IS MISSION'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED
REFTEL, KEYED TO LETTERED SENTENCES:

A. AGENCY'S RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES IS GOVERNED
BY PROVISIONS OF IAEA STATUTE WHICH PROVIDE, INTER ALIA,
FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR GENERAL (DG) BY BOARD OF GOVERNORS,
WITH APPROVAL OF GENERAL CONFERENCE AND THAT DG "SHALL
BE UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF AND SUBJECT TO THE CONTROL
OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS" (ARTICLE VII.B). THIS
PROVISION, AND OTHERS WHICH VEST UNPRECEDENTED POWER
IN THE BOARD OVER THE AGENCY'S BUDGET AND PROGRAMS,
HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN A GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY ON
THE PART OF THE SECRETARIAT TO REPS OF MEMBER STATES,
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NOT ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE FIVE ANNUAL FORMAL

MEETINGS OF THE AGENCY'S GOVERNING ORGANS BUT ON A DAY-TO-DAY BASIS AS WELL. ACCESSIBILITY TO INFORMATION BY MEMBER STATES IS RESTRICTED ONLY BY ARTICLE VII.F WHICH PRESCRIBES THAT SECRETARIAT MEMBERS "SHALL NOT DISCLOSE ANY INDUSTRIAL SECRET OR OTHER CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION COMING TO THEIR KNOWLEDGE BY REASON OF THEIR OFFICIAL DUTIES FOR THE AGENCY." IN PRACTICE, THIS HAS BEEN APPLICABLE CHIEFLY, IF NOT SOLELY, IN THE AGENCY'S SAFEGUARDS ACTIVITIES.

B. IN VIEW OF THE KEEN U.S. INTEREST IN AND PREPONDERANT SUPPORT OF THE AGENCY'S ACTIVITIES OVER THE YEARS, THE SECRETARIAT IS PARTICULARLY COOPERATIVE WITH ALL U.S. MISSION PERSONNEL AND LOOKS TO THEM, AS USG REPS, FOR GUIDANCE AND CONTINUED SUPPORT. CONTACT IS DAILY AND GENERALLY OF A FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL NATURE.

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D. IN MISSION'S JUDGMENT, SECRETARIAT IS KEENLY AWARE OF ITS SUBORDINATION TO THE BOARD AND THE GENERAL CONFERENCE, AS EXPLAINED IN A ABOVE, AND WE DO NOT PERCEIVE ANY TENDENCY ON ITS PART TO HOLD ITSELF ALOOF FROM OR BE UNRESPONSIVE TO THE NEEDS OF MEMBER STATES. INTERNAL MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING STAFFING AND BUDGETING ARE CLOSELY SCRUTINIZED BY THE BOARD. THE SECRETQRIAT'S MAJOR OFFICIAL ACTIONS ARE READILY AVAILABLE TO THE MEMBERSHIP. AS NOTED IN A ABOVE, CERTAIN TYPES OF INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AGENCY SAFE-GUARDS ARE NOT RPT NOT IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.

E. THE MISSION CONSULTS REGULARLY WITH THE AGENCY (1) ON ITS PROGRAM AND BUDGET, CHIEFLY AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE AND AGAIN BEFORE THE JUNE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS, (2) ON ITS PROPOSED ANNUAL PROGRAM OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, CHIEFLY AT THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD AND AGAIN AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE BOARD ITSELF. WE WOULD STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT THE MISSION OBTAINS INFORMATION FROM THE AGENCY ON A DAILY BASIS ON MATTERS RELATED TO ITS MANAGEMENT AND ACTIVITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN WHICH THE USG HAS A PARTICULAR INTEREST.STONE

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